CLAIMS

1. A packaging assembly for food products to be cooked or heated in microwave ovens, which comprises:

an inner wrapper which contains the food product; outer package of plastic material an encloses said inner wrapper;

- a layer of a heat-concentrating material, arranged adjacent the inner\wrapper; and
- 10 a substrate\ attached to an outer face of said outer package;

wherein said layer of heat-concentrating material causes the opening of the outer package by melting a portion thereof, during \heating of the assembly in a 15 microwave oven.

- 2. A packaging assembly as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a sheet of a heat-insulating material, attached to the outer package on the inner part thereof.
- 3. A packaging assembly as claimed in Claim 1, 20 wherein the substrate is made up of a continuous web of flexible material, common to a plurality of products each with its outer package and its inner wrapper.
- 4.\ A packaging assembly as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the substrate is made up of a sheet of a size 25 equal to or smaller than that of the outer package.
 - 5. A packaging assembly as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the substrate is made of paper.
- 42 6. A packaging assembly as claimed in any of Claim 1, wherein the inner wrapper presents at least one area two sheets of material, the layer of concentrating material being inserted between said two sheets.
 - 7. A packaging assembly as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the layer of heat-concentrating material is

112 1 100 to 10 applied as a coating onto the sheet of insulating material.

8 A packaging assembly as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said heat-concentrating material is an oxide of 5 aluminum.

- 9. A packaging assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outer package is attached onto the substrate by means of an adhesive.
- 10. A packaging assembly as claimed in Claim 1, 10 wherein the sheet of insulating material is attached to the outer package by means of an adhesive.
 - 11. A packaging assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outer package is made of polyethylene and the inner wrapper is made of paper.
 - 12. A packaging assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outer package presents at least one weld-line of a predetermined strength, which facilitates the opening of the outer package during heating.

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